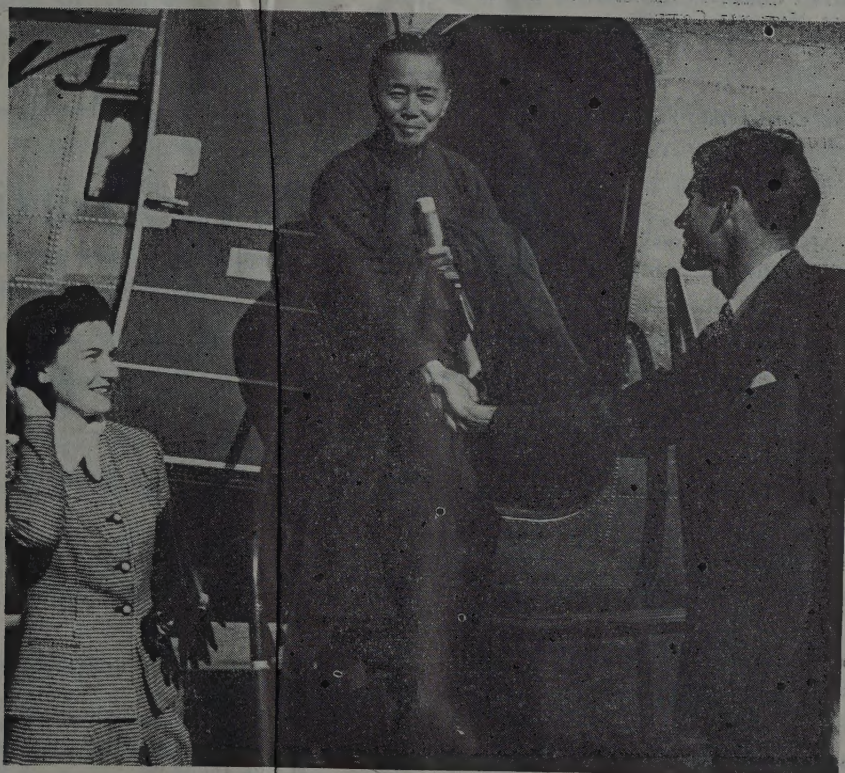


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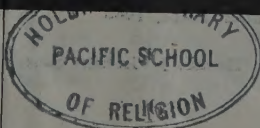
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LEADERS AT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN MISSION, AUSTIN, TEXAS

Dr. T. Z. Koo, principal speaker, is greeted by Student President Clayton Blakeway and Marjorie Irilek, Secretary of the Students' Association.

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YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE U. S. A., NATIONAL CONVENTION Atlantic City, N. J.	March 2-8, 1946
SPECIAL MEETING, FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES Columbus, Ohio	March 5-7, 1946
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA, 45TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION Atlantic City, N. J.	March 15-17, 1946
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES, NATIONAL COUNCIL Atlantic City, N. J.	March 17, 18, 1946
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FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE Buck Hill Falls, Pa.	March 27-29, 1946
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UNITED STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL Columbus, Ohio	April 27-29, 1946
NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION Grand Rapids, Mich.	May 21-26, 1946
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Tarkio, Mo.	May 29, 1946
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA Buck Hill Falls, Pa.	May 23, 1946
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION Oakland, Calif.	August 6-11, 1946
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THE EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

Not Mine or Thine

But when ye pray, say *our*—not *mine* or *thine*:

Our debts, *our* debtors and *our* daily bread!
Before the thronged cathedral's gracious shrine,

Or in thy closet's solitude instead,
Whoe'er thou art, where'er thou liftest prayer,
However humble or how great thou be,
Say *our*, thy brother man including there.

And more and more it may be thou shalt see
Upon life's loom how thread to thread is bound;

None for himself, but man and fellow man,
Or far or near, meet on one common ground,
Sons of one Father since the world began.
So shall God's kingdom come in might and power,

When all can pray, not mine or thine, but *our*.

—Frances Crosby Hamlet

Sacrifice That Saves Lives

Sharing of personal possessions with those in need was one of the first lessons impressed upon the Christians of the first century. To them it was represented as an obligation whose fulfillment reflected their full appreciation of the value of their new religious experience.

A first century opportunity is presented to the Church today. The President has called upon us as citizens to tighten our belts a little and to share our produce with the famine-hungry peoples of Europe and Asia. There is no glamor of war-winning that can be invoked or

relied upon now. This faces us with the hard grind of stabilizing the peace. Temperamentally Americans are generous to those in need. Once or twice or three times we will help when solicited. But voluntary rationing without the restrictions which government can use to enforce curtailment is another matter.

In the President's plan we see a little of the complicated interplay of the various kinds of food resources. If grain is used for this purpose it is not available as food for animals; hence milk, butter, meat and other things are also brought into short supply. People do not live by bread alone. It is true in the literal as well as the figurative sense. But they do not live without bread, which is a truth we sometimes overlook when we quote that Scripture.

Today the lives of millions of our fellow-beings depend upon us, literally. Acute suffering by millions more also hinges on our response to the President's leading. His step is not a popular one in many quarters. It is a courageous facing of our American responsibility both actually promised and implied in our various commitments toward an improved world order.

The Federal Council's Executive Committee at its January meeting urged the churches to give special attention to the needs of others during the Lenten period. The executives of our official relief agencies under the leadership of the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and

Reconstruction have issued an urgent appeal to the churches to give to their denominational funds during Lent or at Easter some sacrificial gift over and above such sum as they may have planned for the postwar fund.

These are no idle gestures. We believe that the spiritual world is one. The spiritual temperature of our American church life can be reflected in new warmth of fellowship and friendliness in churches overseas. A genuine sacrifice here can mean fresh vitality there. Our willingness to share and to let that fact be known impressively but humbly may help form the climate of American thinking and attitude toward the President's proposals.

Many were greatly disturbed when food rationing was suddenly dropped by the government last summer. We protested that to do this was to betray our Allies in the war. The disruption of ordinary processes of transportation and production has been so complete as to jeopardize the welfare of millions. The danger is not overdrawn. It can be quite as serious for human relations and world order as the consequences of atomic energy. Let us not blind our eyes to this fact. If humanity is really to live together and work toward a new world it will be because we share the resources available far more completely than has ever been contemplated before.

The churches therefore now have an excellent occasion to help drive this truth home. To do this is not to make capital of the unfortunate situation in which millions find themselves. It is to dramatize for us all, Christian and non-Christian alike, that the Christian answer is the only adequate one. Sharing to the point of sacrifice is necessary to bind the world together, and to save humanity for its own better days ahead. Let us therefore as churchmen and church women do our utmost to live lives of self-abnegation, giving up where we can. And let us encourage our neighbors to accept the rigors of voluntary control in order that lives may be lifted from despair and disaster to new hope and cooperation. No matter how hard or how long the strain may be, it will be far better than the guilty consciousness of complicity in millions of deaths if we do not do our part. It

is a Christian opportunity. Let us embrace it with fervor and genuine gladness that we have the chance of doing something sacrificial for the improvement of mankind.

A Family Centered Christianity

Early Protestantism sought to bring the life of the individual and the church back to a New Testament basis. On this foundation it developed and maintained great evangelistic strength. Later, paralleling and aiding the secular drive for universal education, religious nurture received new emphasis as a means of transmitting Christian experience from one generation to another.

Whether the greater attention was on evangelism or religious education, the Christian home was a factor of primary consequence. It was and is the greatest influence in shaping the religious attitudes of children and youth. For good or for ill, parents teach religion by what they say and do and are. Since this is true, it becomes more and more clear that we have laid upon the Sunday school a greater load than it can carry.

A new emphasis that promises to be revolutionary holds that our educational programs must frankly face the fact that the family is the greatest educational influence in the religious shaping of life. Church and Sunday school are means of supplementing and also guiding the training which begins in the Christian home. They are not substitutes for home training. Interdenominational and denominational offices are recognizing this as never before.

The evangelical movement must be Bible-conscious, church-conscious, evangelistic, educational and social; but if it is to express fully its own genius and its conviction that God is concerned with all of man's life, it must have a rich development of family-centered Christianity.

The phrase "the church that is in thy house" does not merely reflect the fact that early Christians worshipped in homes before there were church buildings: it carries a deep truth about Christianity itself.

The Christian religion is based on love exalted

to its best and fullest expression. Since God is love, family love, wise and creative, helps both parents and children to a better understanding of God. Such love is a good in itself and a clue to spiritual understanding and social betterment.

If we can get the church into the home, there will be no question about getting the home into the church. If the church builds up homes, homes will build up the church; and people will be happier, churches will be stronger. Thus God's way will be known upon earth and His saving health among all nations.

New Emphasis on Lay Witnesses

One of the greatest problems now before the churches is to get a hearing for the Gospel, which is the Good News of God in Jesus Christ. The churches are faced by the fact that those who are not members of any church are not attending the services of the church in any great numbers. In almost any Sunday morning congregation those present, with few exceptions, are already members of some church.

In the face of such a situation, what can the churches do to get a hearing for the Christian Gospel? A part of the answer is to be found in going back to a method of Jesus, used by Him when He sent out the twelve two-by-two; and again when He sent out the seventy two-by-two. He used laymen from the common walks of life after He had trained them for their task.

Almost every Protestant communion in the United States and Canada is placing special emphasis this year upon this method. They are finding it to be effective in reaching the unchurched. Christian laymen are being selected and trained in such large numbers that one can almost say that a Laymen's Evangelistic Movement is on in the Protestant churches at the present time. The laymen in many congregations (men and women) are being trained by their pastors, who have been trained first by their denomination in the use of this method.

Wherever pastors are faithful in training and using their laymen in this work of witnessing, the laymen are successful to an almost unbelievable degree. There are unmistakable indications that during the Lenten season before

us, more Christian laymen will interview others concerning Christ and the Church than in any other Lenten season we have ever known.

The Guarantee of the Future of the Church

In a sermon dealing with the state of the Church a young minister of the United Church of Canada, Norman F. Langford, puts his finger unerringly upon the primary source of weakness in the Church. He suggests that it is not "sure of its own ground." He reminds us that the Church came into existence at Pentecost because there were "men knowing what to preach." And he adds:

"Even as at the beginning, so today, the only guarantee of the future of the Church is that it will *have something to preach*. . . . Take from the Church its understanding of the Holy Scriptures, take from it the preaching of God's Word and the ministration of the sacraments, take from it the faith committed to it, take away its discernment between good and evil, take away its enthusiasm for obedience and its condemnation of disobedience to the Lord Jesus Christ—take all this away, and nothing remains but an empty shell, a set of dry bones, which the winds of public opinion make sport of as they will.

"Take all this away, and then . . . nothing remains but a human institution which serves no purpose in the world except what could equally well be served by dozens of other more intelligible institutions, such as young people's camps and recreation centers and temperance leagues and federations of charity. All that remains is a company of people trying, for no clear reason, to keep an organization together in the face of unfavorable modern trends, and finding—because of the lack of purpose—that the attempt takes more effort than it is worth.

"We can expect signs of life to show up in the Church where the Scriptures are taken seriously and understood; where preachers preach with insight and vision; where something clear is said about true and false doctrines and something to the point is said about sin and death and right and wrong."—(In "*The Two-Edged Sword*," by Norman F. Langford, Westminster Press).

Radio Programs for March and April

MARCH

Presentations of the National Broadcasting Company WEAF and Network

Sundays—Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, "National Radio Pulpit" 10:00 to 10:30 A. M.

Saturdays—Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, "Religion in the News" 6:45 to 7:00 P. M.

Presentations of the American Broadcasting Company WJZ and Network

Sundays—Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, "National Vespers" 2:30 to 3:00 P. M.

"GEMS FOR THOUGHT"

8:55 to 9:00 A. M. also 11:30 to 11:35 P. M.

Mondays—Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo

Tuesdays—Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell

Wednesdays—Dr. Allen E. Claxton

Thursdays—Rev. Samuel M. Shoemaker

Fridays—Dr. Lloyd Ellis Foster

Presentations of the Mutual Broadcasting System "FAITH IN OUR TIME"

10:15 to 10:30 A. M. Network only (not WOR)

Mondays—Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden

Tuesdays—Rev. Ralph S. Meadowcroft

Wednesdays—Dr. Alfred Grant Walton

Presentation of Station WOR,

New York only (not network)

Sundays—Dr. Alfred Grant Walton, "Radio Chapel"

9:30 to 10:00 A. M.

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Thursdays—(to be supplied)

Fridays—Dr. Francis C. Stifler

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9:30 to 10:00 A. M.

These programs are presented in cooperation with the Federal Council's Department of National Religious Radio. They are all broadcast on Eastern Standard Time and are subject to change without notice.

Wilmington Churches Send Milk to Europe

At a regular meeting for worship held in the Wilmington, Delaware, Friends meeting-house in late October, there was a deeply felt religious concern expressed that Friends should be reaching out with substantial material help to the needy people of the world. They decided to make a collection of canned goods in their meeting-house the following Sunday and to dispatch it as quickly as possible to those overseas who needed it.

Before the following Sunday came, however, one Friend had the opportunity to express the Meeting's concern to the Wilmington Council of Churches. The idea took fire. The Council of Churches decided to set aside one Sunday, November 18, for the collection of canned milk in all the churches and synagogues of the city. UNRRA was contacted and agreed to furnish transportation from Wilmington and to take care of distribution of the milk.

On November 11, ministers, priests, rabbis and leaders all over the city announced that the milk collection would take place in their churches the following Sunday. Each church made its own arrangements for collecting and packing the contributions. Accounts of the plan were published well in advance by the local newspapers.

On November 18, people came to church with their gifts, cans or cases of milk, starting it on its way to the hungry people for whom it was intended. During the collecting period over 21,500 cans were collected.

A committee from the City Council of Churches took charge of planning and all publicity. The City Board of Education offered its city storeroom, a vacant school building, for a collection center. Each church delivered its collection to the center; men's clubs in the churches took charge of transferring the milk from the center into UNRRA's hands.

University Christian Mission in Texas

THE University Christian Mission series for 1946 opened with remarkable success at the University of Texas on January 27 when 1200 people jammed Hogg Memorial Auditorium to hear Dr. T. Z. Koo.

The significance of the number attending can be understood in the light of the following quotation from Dr. DeWitt Reddick, Head of the Department of Journalism of the University—

"The largest crowd we could get last year was between 500 and 600. Lewis Browne, a few weeks ago, pulled an audience of only 200 at a vigorously promoted public program on the campus. Even Admiral Nimitz brought out less than 400 students; Grace Moore in a free concert got about 800 students; and Fritz Kreisler topped the list with about 1,000."

In over 100 meetings held during the week it is estimated that about 4,000 different students and 135 faculty members were reached at least once. In this respect at least, the Mission was successful in "cracking the campus"—reaching those who do not usually attend religious gatherings.

Dr. Koo declared this to be the most significant Religious Emphasis Week of the many in which he has participated this school year. Local committee members, to whom the success of the program is largely due, considered the week much more satisfactory than that of last year.

This success was due chiefly to the emphasis on small group meetings in residence halls. Student interest was so great that these meetings usually lasted beyond the time set for adjournment. Other types of meetings included luncheons, classroom engagements, special forums, and leaders' breakfasts.

"Religion and the Tensions of our Times" was the theme of the week. Interpreting this theme, Dr. Reddick declared: "Religious Emphasis Week rests upon the conviction that the approaches, beliefs, and techniques of religion are basic in bringing about human understandings, in a time when the greatest problems of the world center in realms of tension where the viewpoints of religion may produce beneficial results. Those tensions must be dissolved, else the world will be plunged into chaos. This crisis is vital."

Student interest during the week centered chiefly around questions of personal religion, race relations, denominational differences, Christian vocation, and the problems involved in applying Christian principles in everyday life.

The following leaders took part in the program:

Miss Elizabeth Turner, Missionary to China, travelling Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement.

Dr. T. Z. Koo, Secretary of the World Student Chris-

tian Federation; adviser to the Chinese delegation at the San Francisco U.N.O. Conference.

Rev. Gene Bartlett, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Columbia, Mo., former university pastor, Syracuse University.

Rev. Charles M. Jones—fifteen years in the ministry, five of which have been as pastor of a Presbyterian church at the University of North Carolina.

Rev. Buford Nichols—Ex-student of the University of Texas; Baptist missionary to China; liaison officer between Chinese government and United States troops.

Mr. Olcut Sanders—Ex-student of the University of Texas; two years as recreation expert in Puerto Rico; field worker for American Friends Service Committee.

Local Speakers—A team of about 30 local speakers assisted with group meetings.

At the conclusion of the week, a special meeting was held to evaluate the Mission and make plans for conserving its values. It was decided to carry on the residence hall discussions under local leadership and to initiate various types of Christian projects in which members of the living units might engage. It was agreed that in future Religious Emphasis Weeks more leadership might be made available for classroom discussions and meetings of campus extra-curricular groups.

Rev. Phillips Moulton, the National Director of the University Christian Mission, was present during the week to give personal supervision to the program. The University of Texas Committee expressed its appreciation in a strong resolution for his help.

The twelve other Missions on the spring schedule, from February 10 to April 14, are as follows: Texas State College for Women, North Texas State Teachers College, State Teachers College, Indiana, Pa., University of Arkansas, State College of Washington, University of Missouri, Stephens College, Christian College, Lebanon Valley College, Alabama College, University of Illinois, Talladega College.

The Missions are sponsored jointly by the United Student Christian Council and the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council. Rev. Arthur Lee Kinsolving of Princeton, N. J., is the Chairman of the Committee. Already the 1946-47 schedule is being arranged by the Committee. These Missions, in view of the greatly increased enrollment on all campuses, are timely.

Home Missions Council Urges Integration of Nisei

The Annual Meeting of the Home Missions Council, January 6-9, urged the integration of people of Japanese descent into the membership of non-Japanese congregations and that separate Japanese churches be organized only in very exceptional cases and on an interdenominational basis.

Religion and the Birthrate

(Adopted by the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches on January 15, 1946)

THE future quality of the population and the carrying on of every good cause make it necessary that people of good health, mental and physical, and of good principles should have their full quota of children. Otherwise the irresponsible who propagate recklessly and give little thought to the nurture of their offspring will be represented in disproportionate numbers.

Christianity stands for attitudes, values and beliefs which are the most important things in life. These are carried and mediated more by family life than in any other way. These values will be effectively transmitted only if there is adequate family life carrying them. Without a necessary biological provision for the future of the Church our best Christian efforts will fall short because they will lack an adequate constituency through which to work.

Second birth is impossible without first birth. Christian training requires that there be people to train. The finest development of children in the home requires that families shall not be too small. Many a strong church has declined because there were not enough children to receive the religious education which its Sunday school offered or to have Christian nurture in its homes. Evangelism is most effective with persons who have religious influences in their home background to which it can appeal. It cannot be expected to make up for that type of group suicide which occurs when the part of the population representing the evangelical heritage does not reproduce itself.

Urban conditions at present with inadequate space for children to live and play put a handicap upon family life. So also does social insecurity. The sound principle for the reorganizing of life in the face of the confusions and disasters which our world has suffered is to make personal and family values paramount and to encourage larger families for those who can give to children a better endowment and a better nurture. At the same time society should study reasonable and just ways of discouraging parenthood on the part of those who are seriously unfitted to cope with its responsibilities.

For the individual family there is nothing more satisfying, even though it may involve real sacrifice, than to have at least three or four children, and through them to pass on by sharing, by example and by daily teaching our highest spiritual values. Even in a period such as this the Christian family has faith that God is working out His purposes and that we and our children have a place in carrying them forward.

The people we send out into the next generation are more important than all our material achievements, how-

ever brilliant and world-shaking these might be. This is perfectly evident in the large and it should also be clear to each particular family. The bringing into being and the giving of Christian nurture to an adequate number of children is more rewarding than financial success, social and intellectual standing or political power. A good family is the highest of achievements.

Wise national policy would require that both our resources and our activities be so organized as to be favorable to good home life and the rearing of children fitted by inheritance and training to make a genuine contribution to the life of their times.

John Fortson Returns

Lieut. Comdr. John L. Fortson, who was public relations director of the Federal Council before the war, has returned to the staff to resume his duties after more than 3 years in the Navy. Mr. Fortson started his naval career as public relations officer for Captain Robert D. Workman, then Chief of Navy Chaplains, later, transferring to the aviation branch of the Navy where he served as an air combat intelligence officer. When the war ended he was Officer in Charge of the Operational Intelligence Section for Commander Air Force, Pacific Fleet, located at Pearl Harbor.

Dr. Yergin Goes to Italy

Rev. Howard V. Yergin, Executive of the Synod of New York of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., sailed on February 9, on the *Robert E. Gatling* for Naples, to serve as Secretary in Italy for the World Council of Churches. He has been granted a six months' leave of absence from the Synod for this special mission. His duties will be to represent World Council interests in Italy and serve as a liaison person for the Protestant groups in that country and between the Protestant Churches of Italy and the churches in other lands. He will travel about among the Protestant communities and periodically visit and report to World Council headquarters in Geneva, specifically to the Department of Reconstruction and Interchurch Aid of which Dr. J. Hutchison Cockburn is the Director.

Council Supports UNESCO

The Federal Council's Executive Committee on January 15 expressed the opinion that "the establishment of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is an indispensable step in the approach to world coöperation" and added the hope that our Government "will promptly adhere to the Organization, give it full support, and encourage and facilitate active coöperation with it on the part of the American people."

New Program of Enlistment for the Ministry

AMONG the varied agencies of the Federal Council, the newest is the Commission on the Ministry, already carrying a full program since its director was called on October 1, 1945. Set up at the urgent request of the American Association of Theological Schools, and financed temporarily by a special grant from the Walter C. Teagle Foundation, the Commission has as its purpose "to strengthen enlistment for church vocations in each denomination, and also to serve in such ways as are open only to a representative inter-church agency." Rt. Rev. Henry K. Sherrill of Boston is chairman of the new commission, and its director is Dr. John Oliver Nelson of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

An immediate concern of the Commission has been sharing the follow-up of the considerable group of servicemen who recorded with chaplains their desire to enter church vocations. After thorough checking, this total list of men—many of them now discharged—is found to be 3,933. The Commission has been in direct correspondence with about 100 of these men and others referred directly, who reported no denominational preference. But beyond that, it has shared pertinent portions of the full list with 180 theological seminaries, asking that these schools follow the men with counsel and encouragement, and the seminaries have responded in hearty cooperation. A further contact has been established directly with the servicemen referrals, inviting their queries or requests, in case their denomination has somehow failed to reach them. Because a considerable number of men have also been giving service in Civilian Public Service units, the Commission has sought to provide information and counsel among them as well.

At the first meeting of the Commission it was agreed that the Commission's great job is to "reach for the ministry those young men who are not safely within the program of the churches." Having this concern, the Commission has put into action a program of publishing, counseling, and interviewing especially designed to present the claims of the ministry and other church vocations in colleges and schools. The small leaflet, "Introducing the Commission on the Ministry" (free) describes the program. A larger folder, intended both for service personnel and for civilian use in churches and schools, is the colorful "Possibly the Ministry?" (free in moderate quantity). Soon to be available is a 64-page book, "Look at the Ministry," giving the challenge through full-page pictures with a running sequence of captions.

Later this year an interdenominational approach to several campuses will be made. Materials for high school guidance programs, as well as film slides and other visual aids, are planned. Further publication will include several paper-bound volumes for ready distribution to those contemplating a church vocation.

Membership of the Commission is made up of 31 denominational executives and representatives of agencies

concerned with enlistment. The second meeting of the Commission is to be held on March 11 in New York. Following is a list of the members: Bishop Sherrill, Milton C. Froyd, Frederick L. Fagley, Edgar Lloyd Smith, William E. Lampe, F. Eppling Reinartz, William K. Anderson, Wade H. Boggs, Herrick B. Young, William Crittenden, M. Stephen James, Robert W. Gibson, Henry P. Van Dusen, Edwin McNeill Poteat, Allan Knight Chalmers, Fred D. Wentzel, Ralph H. Long, Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, Ben R. Lacy, Jr., Jesse H. Baird, Frank T. Wilson, J. E. Hoffman, Dale H. Moore, Ralph Douglas Hyslop, John H. Reisner, Winburn T. Thomas, Albert W. Palmer, Harry T. Morris, C. Leslie Glenn, Robert S. Bilheimer, and Ivan M. Gould.

The new Director, Dr. Nelson, comes from the experience of five years as head of the Department of Life Work of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., which followed a 5-year pastorate in Pittsburgh. He is editor of *The Intercollegian* and of the volume published this month, "We Have This Ministry."

New Publications

The Church and Returning Conscientious Objectors. By Roy A. Burkhart. Issued by the Committee on the Conscientious Objector and the Federal Council's Commission on the Churches' Ministry to Returning Service Men and Women. A 32-page pamphlet by the minister of the First Community Church of Columbus, Ohio, whose book *The Church and the Returning Soldier* has been widely acclaimed. He addresses himself to the wartime services and post-demobilization problems of those Christian young men who have witnessed to their faith as conscientious objectors. He also presents some practical suggestions on integrating these men into the fellowship and service of the Church.

Part I is entitled: "Understanding the Conscientious Objector." Part II is called "The Task and Opportunity of the Local Church."

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Memorial Day 1946

The Federal Council of Churches, through its Executive Committee, is recommending special observance of Memorial Day this year. Back of this recommendation lies the realization that this season in 1946 affords an unusual opportunity for churches and communities to honor those who have made the final sacrifice during these recent years of war.

Accordingly it is suggested that on May 30 itself, or on some other day near that time, services be held for this purpose. These can be either in individual churches where the "gold stars" of the parish are honored, or may be set in the larger framework of the community with participation by the local religious, civic and patriotic organizations.

It should be noted that Sunday, May 26 is Rural Life Sunday. If possible, conflict between this observance and the Memorial Day observance should be avoided.

The Commission on Worship is preparing a service suitable for this occasion, which will be available in quantity at a reasonable price.

Correspondence should be addressed to the Commission on Worship, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

Visitation Evangelism

Dr. H. H. McConnell of the Department of Evangelism has been in the field since the first of the year in the interest of Visitation Evangelism. He has been conducting campaigns and holding evangelistic institutes with ministers and laymen. His itinerary was as follows: Springfield, Ohio; Monmouth, Oak Park, and Sterling, Ill.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Youngstown, Ohio; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dayton, Ohio; Toronto and Hamilton, Ontario; Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Albany, N. Y.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Oak Park, Ill.

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Mr. John Foster Dulles, Chairman of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace, has prepared the introductory article. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, President of the Federal Council, has written on the Inner Front. Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, comments on the Church Front. The Peace Treaty Front and the United Nations Front are dealt with by Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas and former Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota.

In his introductory article, Mr. Dulles points out the purpose of this post-war program, which follows the earlier effort for the establishment of international organization. He states that "UNO not only exists but it is much the kind of organization the Commission sought and it is empowered to seek peace in ways which Chris-

tians advocate. The churches of America were a potent influence in bringing that about." But the world has moved into a new time of decision and a new over-all program is required to achieve the fellowship of common effort which the success of the international organization requires. As Mr. Dulles says: "Now is a critical time in the making of a lasting peace. What is done today will largely determine the direction of the future. Christians have a special responsibility to see that this direction is toward the prevention of war. The Commission on a Just and Durable Peace has set forth a general strategy for this effort in its statement calling for action on Four Fronts for Peace."

In this general strategy Bishop Oxnam points out that the Inner Front must not be neglected: "Something must happen to the hearts of men if world order is to be established. If there is to be a new spirit of fellowship in international life, a new spirit must rule the individual." Bishop Oxnam puts it this way, "World order cannot be bought with gold. It calls for coinage of another nature. Peace is purchased with the attitude of brotherhood, and brotherhood comes of a 'pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith'."

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This day was established by public resolution of Congress in 1940, and each year the President issues a proclamation calling for its observance. Its purpose is to stress the significance of American citizenship, particularly for those foreign born who are becoming citizens, and for the new voters who have come of age. It gives opportunity also to emphasize the fundamental principles of our democracy, and the need for a high type of unselfish citizenship in these confusing days.

In 1945 the day was observed in almost 1,000 communities, and the estimate of attendance provided through the government offices sponsoring the celebration was almost 3,000,000. In 212 communities the churches generally observed the occasion.

A special order of service is being prepared by the Commission on Worship which may be obtained for 1½ cents each in quantity. In addition, a sheet suggesting details for the observance of the day is available at 1 cent each in quantity. The price for the two is 2 cents in quantity. Order from the Department of Christian Social Relations, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

New Study of Christianity and the Economic Order

By authorization of the Executive Committee the Department of Research and Education has undertaken a study of the relation of Christianity to the economic order. It is a new type of project in that a large number of persons are being asked to participate in the inquiry, the purpose of which is educational. A series of studies is to be published as *Information Service* supplements dealing successively with various aspects of the subject. These will present tentative analyses and findings which readers, as "participant critics," will be asked to review. Among them will be economists, businessmen and labor leaders, as well as theologians and parish ministers. What is designed is a continuing study of the issues raised.

The manuscripts of the several studies are being drafted by people who have specialized in the fields assigned them, in consultation with other persons, and will be revised by the committee in charge of the inquiry. Thus, each study when it appears will represent some consensus of judgment, but will be offered to the constituency of our churches for discussion and evaluation.

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News of State and Local Cooperation

Pennsylvania Goes Forward

United Protestant ministry for Pennsylvania takes a forward step in the election of Rev. Ivan M. Gould as General Secretary of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, General Secretary of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association, and Executive Secretary of both organizations. The election of Mr. Gould by both organizations creates a most strategic position in interdenominational Protestantism for Pennsylvania and a challenge for cooperative Christian work. The merger of the two organizations is not contemplated at the present time but the close cooperation which is expected will mean a more united program than has ever before existed.

Mr. Gould assumed part-time responsibilities in this new capacity February 15. Formal installation will take place at the Convention of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches in Harrisburg, April 29-30. Until such time as other arrangements are made by the League, Mr. Gould will also continue his duties as General Secretary of the Service Men's Christian League.

Rev. Ivan M. Gould has gained country-wide recognition for his splendid administration and direction of the Service Men's Christian League since 1942. He came to the League from the International Council of Religious Education, where he had served for eight years as Director of Youth Work and Executive Secretary of the United Christian Youth Movement. Since his graduation from Syracuse University in 1930 and Union Theological Seminary in 1934, Mr. Gould's primary interest has been with the youth of the local community. His work with the International Council of Religious Education and the Service Men's Christian League brought him into personal contact with the local

churches of this country as well as the religious agencies of all the states of the Union. In addition, he has gained prominence in the field of religion as a popular speaker for youth groups and a frequent contributor to the leading denominational periodicals.

Mr. Gould brings to his new executive position a youthful approach and a keen interest in Christian education and interdenominational cooperation. This, coupled with his successful executive experience and intimate relations with the denominational leaders, makes his selection by the Pennsylvania Council of Churches and the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association a most fortunate one for the ministry of the State of Pennsylvania.

New Department in Kansas City

The Kansas City Council of Churches has added a new Department of Publicity and Finance with Mrs. Eleanor Lampman as Director. In establishing the new position Rev. Albert B. Denton, General Secretary of the Council, states that "the organization has long needed a publicity specialist to keep the churches and the public informed of the activities of the Council and to direct the raising of funds for the work of the Council. Mrs. Lampman brings a wide experience in direct mail, finance, advertising and publicity in business and the field of religious organizations."

The new department will furnish counseling service to ministers and church secretaries on publicity problems and work with all Council groups. The executive officers of the Council feel that the service rendered by this new department will help

the churches of Kansas City and the Council of Churches to take progressive leadership in community and civic affairs.

New Service for Federation and Churches in the Nation's Capital

The Board of Directors of the Washington Federation of Churches has authorized the setting up of a Department of Business and Finance. Mr. Purcell Storey, who has completed eleven successful years as Director of Business and Finance of the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, has accepted the call to become Director of this Department. As such his activities will be as follows:

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A temporary organization of the Council has been effected, with Dr. George Emerson Barnes as chairman, the presidents of the three constituent bodies as vice-chairmen, and Mrs. Philip R. Markley as secretary.

Staff Changes

Rev. O. G. Herbrecht was recently called to the Executive Secretaryship of the Arizona Council of Churches, formerly known as the Arizona Interdenominational Church Council.

Rev. William Butler Sperry, formerly of the St. Martin's Protestant Episcopal Church of Pittsfield, Mass., has been appointed Director of Social Service of the Detroit Council of Churches. Mr. Sperry began his work on January 16.

Rev. G. Byron Deshler, minister of the Methodist Church, Phoenix, Ariz., has been appointed Director of Evangelism of the Los Angeles Church Federation.

Rev. Melvin H. Harter has accepted the call to become Administrative Assistant to Dr. E. C. Farnham, Executive Secretary of the Church Federation of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. E. R. Reno is now serving as the Supervisor of Religious Education of the Oklahoma City Council of Churches.

Dr. Howard Baumgartel reports that the Board of Weekday Religious Education has been incorporated under the laws of the state as an agency of the Indianapolis Church Federation. The Rev. F. A. Pfleiderer has resigned from the Sutherland Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis to take the position of Business Administrator for this project.

Rev. S. J. Villaume has been chosen to organize the new Department of Research and Planning of the Massachusetts Council of Churches.

Rev. Joseph H. Evans of New York has been elected an Associate Secretary of the Connecticut Council of Churches. Mr. Evans succeeds the Rev. J. Oscar Lee who resigned January 1 to become Field Representative of the Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches. Mr. Evans will assume his new duties in May. He will carry responsibility for work in the field of Social Relations and aid with general administrative tasks.

Dr. Robert T. Parsons, formerly Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Move-

ment, has joined the staff of the Michigan Council of Churches as Director of Race Relations Department. He began his work on February 11.

Rev. Cecil W. Johnson has been appointed the Director of Services to Housing Areas of the Oakland Council of Churches.

Rev. Laurence Taylor has taken up his work with the Michigan Council of Churches as Director of Public Relations and Finance.

Miss Pearl Edna Grover has been elected Executive Secretary of the Waterbury Council of Churches, Waterbury, Connecticut.

Interracial Fellowship of Greater New York

An interracial, interchurch service was held at the Cathedral of St. John the

Divine in New York on Sunday, February 10, 1946. In observance of Brotherhood Month and Race Relations Sunday, this service was a great united witness to true Christianity which knows no distinction of race or color.

Rev. Newton Chang, a student Christian leader of renown in China, conducted the service of worship. The sermon by Dr. Howard Thurman was on the subject "Apostles of Sensitivity." There was an interracial fellowship choir of eighty voices.

The sponsorship for this service included the Interracial Fellowship of Greater New York, the Race Relations Department of the Federal Council of Churches, the Greater New York Federation of Churches and the Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation.

Clearfield Community Church

The Clearfield Community Church of

Ogden, Utah, was organized at the North Davis Junior High School on Monday, January 31, 1945. Pastors of the Ogden churches, church officials of the Inter-Mountain Conference and interested churchmen from the community participated. Forty-one charter members signed the membership roll. Articles of incorporation were adopted, a full roster of officers was elected and the first Lord's Supper celebrated. Temporarily this church will worship in the North Davis Junior High School but hope has been expressed that the erection of a new chapel may take place in the near future. The leadership for this enterprise was furnished by the Rev. Dr. Rollo C. Speer, Director of "The United Christian Ministry of the Inter-Mountain Conference of Evangelical Churches" who during the war period ministered to the large defense housing areas of which Washington Terrace was an integral part.

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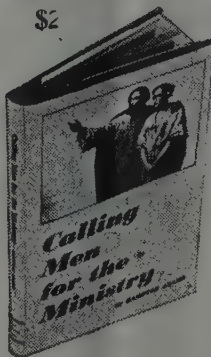


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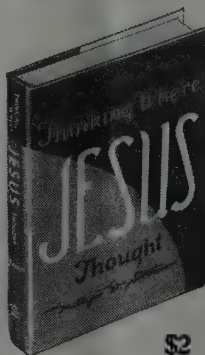
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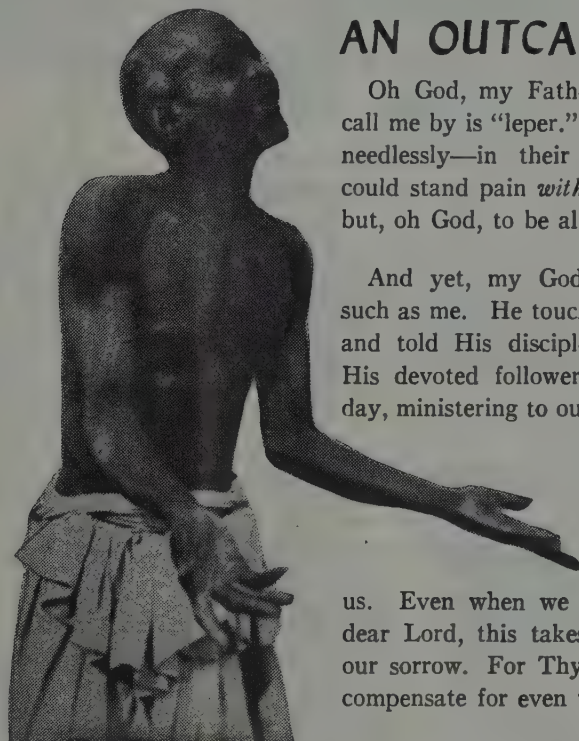
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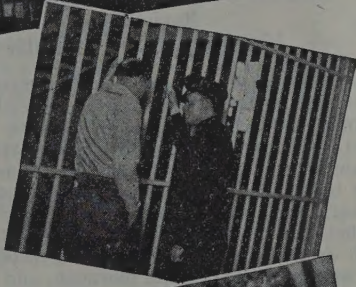
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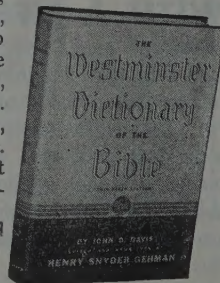
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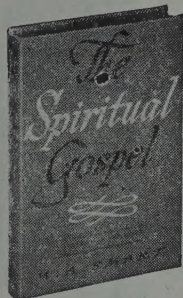
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